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SUBJECT: SLAVERY IN OMAN

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1. REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTEL. WE HAVE ASKED BRITISH
EMBASSY ABOUT STATUS OF SLAVERY IN OMAN AND HAVE RECEIVED
FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

2. BRITISH EMBASSY IN MUSCAT USED TO ISSUE MANUMISSION CERTI-
FICATES TO SLAVES. ISUANCE WAS TO ANY SLAVE WHO ENTERED
EMBASSY GROUNDS AND CLASPED FLAGPOLE THERE TO SHOW DESIRE TO
BE FREED. OMANI AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED THE EMBASSY CERTIFICATES
AS VALID.

3. IN 1963, SULTAIN SAID BIN TAIMUR (FATHER OF PRESENT RULER)
INFORMED BRITISH EMBASSY THAT MANUMISSION CERTIFICATES WERE NO
LONGER NECESSARY, AS HE HAD INSTRUCTED HIS OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER
ALL SLAVES FREE AND TO SO INFORM THEIR OWNERS. NO WRITTEN DECREE
WAS EVER PUT OUT CONFIRMING THIS, SINCE SUCH WAS NOT SULTAN
SAID'S PRACTICE. HOWEVER, BRITISH EMBASSY TOOK HIS STATEMENT AS
DEFINITIVE LAW ABOLISHING SLAVERY IN OMAN. NO FURTHER MANUMISSION
CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED. THAT REMAINS THE DE JURE SITUATION TO
THE PRESENT DAY.
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